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FUND SENDS \$90,000 TO FAMINE RELIEF

NEW YORK -- Four grants totalling \$90,000 to aid famine-stricken East Africa have just been authorized by the Rev. Samir J. Habiby, director of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, of the Episcopal Church.

These grants, which minister to starving and homeless families in the Horn of Africa, were earlier authorized by the board of the Fund, and follow its policy of immediate disbursement of contributions to designated objectives.

Habiby also announced that the East Africa Famine Appeal will be supported in May by visitations in the Dioceses of Ohio, Georgia, Oregon, and Florida by the Rt. Rev. Misaeri Kauma, Bishop of the Diocese of Namirembe, in Uganda.

Bishop Kauma, who was a teacher and principal in secondary schools and colleges in Uganda, had oversight of refugee work in Kampala and Nairobi and has carried on a ministry of preaching and evangelism not only in East Africa but in the United Kingdom, Germany and Italy.

The four recent grants were: \$10,000 for famine relief in the northeast part of the Province of Kenya, to be administered through the Most Rev. Manasses Kuria, Bishop of Nairobi and Archbishop of Kenya; \$25,000 in support of the work of UNICEF in Somalia; \$40,000 for the ecumenical Inter-Church Response for the Horn of Africa, administered through Church World Service; and \$15,000 toward Oxfam's \$190,000 project to install solar water pumps to serve heavily populated refugee camps in Somalia.

These grants are in addition to two allocations in January of \$5,000 for famine relief in Kenya and \$30,000 to the Church of Uganda for urgent Karamoja famine needs.

The East Africa Famine Appeal was originally designated as the Presiding Bishop's Christmas/Epiphany Appeal for 1980-81, but the needs in that area have grown even more urgent and support continues to be solicited. Several requests to the Presiding Bishop's Fund office for further information about this appeal have been received within the past week.

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PICTURE CAPTION

81116 As famine tightens its hold on the Horn of Africa, the governments find themselves even more hardpressed to feed the millions who surge across borders in search of relief. The victims find themselves almost entirely dependent on supplies from western governments and private agencies. The Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief plays an active role in relief efforts to bring basic foods to the people such as this young man in a Somali camp. (Photo credit: UNICEF)

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